

Appln. No. 10/719,248

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A tank retaining ~~device~~ system for use with a conventional buoyancy control device ~~and scuba tank~~ comprising:

a scuba tank being received the buoyancy control device such that said buoyancy control device is mounted on said scuba tank;

a ring member having a diameter smaller than ~~the~~ said scuba tank, said ring member being for abutting a bottom ~~said wall of the~~ said scuba tank;

a plurality of strap members, each one of said plurality of strap members having a distal end and a proximal end, each proximal end being operationally coupled to said ring member, each one of said distal ends of said plurality of strap members being couplable to a tank securing strap of the buoyancy control device; and

said plurality of strap members and said ring member inhibiting ~~the~~ said scuba tank from slipping downwardly in reference to the buoyancy control device.

2. (Currently Amend) The ~~device~~ system of claim 1, wherein each one of said plurality of strap members further comprises:

a first fastening means positioned adjacent to said distal end, said first fastening means being positioned on a first side of said strap member;

a second fastening means positioned centrally on said strap member, said second fastening means being positioned on said first side of said strap member, said second fastening means being complementary to said first fastening means;

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said first fastening means being selectively couplable with said second fastening means to facilitate securing said strap member to the tank securing strap of the buoyancy control device.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 2, wherein said first fastening means comprises ~~an~~ a first portion of hook and loop fastener and said second fastening means comprises a second portion of hook and loop fastener.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 1, wherein each one of said strap members having a width of one inch.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~device~~ system of claim 1, wherein said plurality of strap members comprises four strap members.

6. (Currently Amended) A tank retaining ~~device~~ system for use with a conventional buoyancy control device ~~and scuba tank~~ comprising:

a scuba tank being received the buoyancy control device such that said buoyancy control device is mounted on said scuba tank;

a ring member having a diameter smaller than ~~the~~ said scuba tank, said ring member being for abutting a bottom ~~said~~ wall of ~~the~~ said scuba tank;

a plurality of strap members, each one of said plurality of strap members having a distal end and a proximal end, each proximal end being operationally coupled to said ring member, each one of said distal ends of said plurality of strap members being couplable to a tank securing strap of the buoyancy control device;

said plurality of strap members and said ring member inhibiting ~~the~~ said scuba tank from slipping downwardly in reference to the buoyancy control device;

a first fastening means positioned adjacent to said distal end, said first fastening means being positioned on a first side of said strap member;

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a second fastening means positioned centrally on said strap member, said second fastening means being positioned on said first side of said strap member, said second fastening means being complementary to said first fastening means;

said first fastening means being selectively couplable with said second fastening means to facilitate securing said strap member the tank securing strap of the buoyancy control device;

wherein said first fastening means comprises an first portion of hook and loop fastener and said second fastening means comprises a second portion of hook and loop fastener;

wherein each one of said strap members having a width of one inch;

wherein said plurality of strap members comprises four strap members.